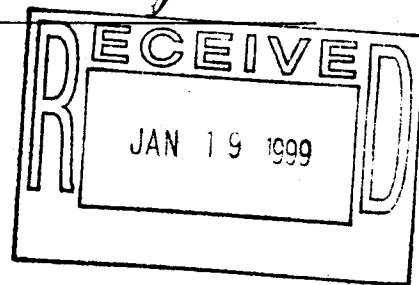


Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights

making you breathe a little easier

January 12, 1998

Dr. C. W. Jameson
National Toxicology Program
Report on Carcinogens
79 Alexander Drive, Room 3217
P.O. Box 12233
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709



Dear Dr. Jameson:


On behalf of our 15,000 members nationwide, we are writing in SUPPORT of listing environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) as a known human carcinogen in the National Toxicology Program's Ninth Report on Carcinogens.

Numerous studies have shown that exposure to ETS causes death and disease in nonsmokers. The first comprehensive report on the health effects of ETS was the 1986 Surgeon General's Report on the Health Consequences of Involuntary Smoking. That report concluded that involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in healthy nonsmokers.

Since the 1986 report, the evidence has continued to mount against ETS. In 1992, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classified tobacco smoke as a Group A carcinogen. Many subsequent large scale studies support the EPA's conclusions. One of these, published by the California Environmental Protection Agency in 1997, concluded "ETS exposure is causally associated with a number of health effects", including "developmental, respiratory, carcinogenic and cardiovascular effects...including fatal outcomes such as sudden infant death syndrome and heart disease mortality, as well as serious chronic diseases such as childhood asthma." (*Health Effects of Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke: Final Report*, Sacramento: California Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, September 1997)

Despite ongoing efforts by the tobacco industry to question the validity of studies showing the danger of ETS, the evidence is clear and overwhelming: environmental tobacco smoke *is* a known human carcinogen. We urge you to list it as such in the Ninth Report on Carcinogens.

Sincerely,


Julia Carol
Co-Director


Robin Hobart
Co-Director

Julia Carol
Co-Director
Robin Hobart
Co-Director
Leonard M. Casey
Director of Operations
Elva Yañez
Associate Director
Cynthia Hallett
Associate Director
David Shields
Associate Director
Lisa Goldman
Campaign Coordinator
Diane Jones
Information Specialist
Jennifer Anderson-Moxley
Executive Assistant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark Pertschuk
PRESIDENT
Anne Marie O'Keefe
VICE PRESIDENT
Robert Clark, M.D.
VICE PRESIDENT
Dorothy P. Rice
TREASURER
Patricia Lozada-Santone
SECRETARY
Glenn Barr
Walt Bilofsky
Carol N. D'Onofrio
Peter Hanauer
Jerie Jordan
Ingrid Lamirault
Paul L. Loveday
Mary Sandberg
Susan Schenckmarklin
Michael Siegel, M.D.
Ronie K. Szeizle

HONORARY BOARD

David Adams
Lynn Adams
William E. Bloomfield, Sr.
Alan Blum, M.D.
Joseph A. Califano, Jr.
Virginia Ernster, Ph.D.
Wallace E. Hunt, Jr.
Allan K. Jonas
D. Everett Koop, M.D.
Philip R. Lee, M.D.
Daniel Lowenstein
Andrew McGuire
Michael Pertschuk
Patrick Reynolds
Dick Rutan
Jesse L. Steinfield, M.D.
Joe B. Tye

